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SUBJECT: FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL TO VISIT COSTA RICA AND
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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMS THAT PRESIDENT WALTER SCHEEL WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO COSTA RICA (JUNE 6-9) AND MEXICO (JUNE 9-15). HE WAS INVITED BY THE HEAD OF STATE OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IN THE CASE OF MEXICO, SCHEEL'S TRIP IS IN RETURN FOR THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO THE FRG IN 1974.

2. THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OUTSTANDING BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE TWO COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE PURPOSE OF SCHEEL'S TRIP IS TO DEMONSTRATE THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE
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FRG AND TWO STABLE LATIN AMERICAN DEMOCRACIES.

3. COSTA RICA AND MEXICO WILL BE THE ONLY TWO STOPS ON THIS TOUR. THE REASON FOR THIS, THE FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US, IS THAT SCHEEL WAS STYMIED TO FIND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHERE PROTOCOL AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT A VISIT. STATE VISITS BY FORMER

PRESIDENT HEINEMANN TO VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR
IN 1971 HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RETURNED AND POLITICAL
SENSITIVITIES PRECLUDE VISITS TO MOST OTHER LATIN STATES.
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